

Abstract

An advance in the art is achieved were a customer's line can support a routing thereto of calls destined to more than one called number. Alerting such a line that a connection is sought to be established is achieved by a process whereby a database is consulted to determine whether the called number translates to a customer line that supports more than one called number. In such an event, a special service message is constructed and forwarded to the customer's line to inform the line of the called number with which the connection is sought. In one embodiment, a ringing signal is included with the special service message, that is coded to reflect the particular called number that corresponds to the connection that is being sought.